

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Al Cullinane upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Public Service Award by Kiwanettes of Oceanside on April 25, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those outstanding individuals whose purposeful endeavors as involved members of their community serve to enhance the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Al Cullinane upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Public Service Award by Kiwanettes of Oceanside to be celebrated with "A Round of Applause" on Thursday, April 25, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Al Cullinane was born in 1925, in Boston, Massachusetts, the oldest of six children; he grew up during the Great Depression in a three room apartment with his parents and siblings in Somerville, Massachusetts, where he enjoyed spending time with his immediate family, grandparents and friends; and

WHEREAS, Al Cullinane was witness to the benevolence and kindness of family and neighbors during difficult times; and

WHEREAS, As a child, Al Cullinane loved to ice skate, and learned in a pair of oversized skates that belonged to his Aunt; later, that same Aunt bought him a new pair that actually fit him; and

WHEREAS, As an adult, Al Cullinane taught an ice skating program for handicapped children; ultimately, he enjoyed a career in education, serving roughly 30 years in the New York State School System as a teacher of foreign languages and mathematics, as well as an administrator; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his teaching career, Al Cullinane worked at various jobs including factory work to provide for his young family; he received his bachelor's degree from Catholic University and his master's degree from SUNY Oswego; he also studied additional graduate work at Columbia, NYU, CW Post and Fordham; and

WHEREAS, The loving Patriarch of an extremely close knit family, Al Cullinane is the loving father of three daughters, and also a proud grandfather; he chose to work many summers at Camp Costigan so his daughters could experience the wonders of summer day camp; and

WHEREAS, His crowning achievement was his ability to care for his bride of nearly 58 years, his beloved Ann, during the last years of her life in her own home, remaining at her side, exactly what she wanted; and

WHEREAS, Al Cullinane has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, An active member of his community for more than six decades, Al Cullinane was one of the first members of Oceanside Community Service when it was first organized; he served as president of Oceanside Community Service from 2002 to 2004, is a member of Oceanside Kiwanis, and a Knight at the Fr. Joseph O'Connell Council of The Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, A member of St. Anthony's Parish, Al Cullinane was the recipient of the 1979 Citizen of the Year by the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Al Cullinane is extremely involved with the Spanish community as he is fluent in the language; he works with St. Vincent DePaul helping to assist the needy by supplying food, clothing, housing referrals,

legal and medical referrals, and solving the many problems that arise; and

WHEREAS, A warm and caring individual, Al Cullinane has been committed to helping those in need for the past 60 years; he generously supports community programs and services whenever the need arises; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Al Cullinane upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Public Service Award by Kiwanettes of Oceanside; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Al Cullinane.